9/2 Bd Workshop Cal-AM Deadline: 8/26/09 by 12 noon

Dear Water Board,

It has come to my attention that you are considering requiring Cal Am to reduce pumping from the Carmel River...possibly as much as 50% over the next 15 years.

To ask our community to reduce its water consumption to 30-50 gallons per day per capita is unconscionable. Our community has been more pro-active than any other area in our State in reducing water consumption. We have one of the lowest use rates in the entire State.

Why are we being unfairly victimized for overpumping the Carmel River. There are a large number of private wells who are adversely affecting overpumping of the Carmel River. These private wells have no controls on the amount of water they are using to water their lawns. September Ranch which is in Carmel Valley has been overpumping for years to show that they have been using water for years in order to develop their ranch land into an unwanted housing development.

Let's not unfairly punish the conservation we homeowners have already met, with the additional burden of reducing our water consumption. The State needs to restrict further development; continue retrofiting water consuming fixtures, and create more water-efficient incentives for the ENTIRE State of California not zeroing in on the Monterey Peninsula.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not punish the people who have reduced their water consumption already.

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